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TO: Island County Planning Commission

FROM: Kira Swanson, Critical Areas Planner

DATE: December 5, 2013

SUBJECT: Best Available Science Bibliography Introduction

Island County is currently updating the portion of Island County's Comprehensive Plan that pertains to Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, along with the accompanying regulations and policies. Several tasks have been outlined to complete the update within the deadline outlined by July 24, 2013, the Growth Management Hearings Board deadline. These tasks are outlined in the Public Participation Plan and Preliminary Schedule which is currently posted on Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWHCA) update website. The third task listed in this plan is to review the Best Available Science.

The purpose of the Best Available Science (BAS) Bibliography is to compile the relevant science that may be applicable to Island County's FWHCA update. Not all of these resources will be referenced or incorporated into the Best Available Science Report and Recommendations (Task 4). The BAS Bibliography is available to the public and has been posted on FWHCA update website. The Bibliography is in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. Each row identifies an individual reference. There are various tabs within the spreadsheet for various types of references. For example, geospatial data is listed in the fourth tab. While this is the Final Draft BAS Bibliography, it is likely that as the FWHCA update continues additional references will be identified and incorporated.